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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:

Wayne H. Holtzman, Ph.D.

Holder of License No. 1870 for the Practice of Psychology in the State of Arizona

Case No.: 14-20

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR THE SURRENDER OF PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSE

On June 30, 2014, Wayne H. Holtzman, Ph.D. ("Respondent"), was notified by the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners ("Board") of a Request for Investigation received by the Board on June 17, 2014, making various allegations concerning the professional practice of Respondent. Having reviewed the allegations in the Request for Investigation and considering the time and expense he would incur addressing the allegations made therein, and further considering his years already in practice and previously existing plans for his future, Respondent concluded that he would offer to surrender his license effective immediately and cease the practice of psychology in the State of Arizona.

In the interest of prompt and judicious settlement of the above-captioned matter before the Board and consistent with public interest, statutory requirements and responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061 *et seq.* and A.R.S. § 41-1092.07(F)(5), Respondent, holder of License No. 1870 for the practice of psychology in the State of Arizona and the Board to enter into this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender ("Consent Agreement") as the final disposition of this matter.

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#### **JURISDICTION**

- 1. The Board is authorized to regulate the practice of psychology in Arizona pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2061, et seq., and the rules promulgated thereunder, found in Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C." or "rules) at R4-26-101 et seq.
- Respondent is the holder of License No. 1870 for the practice of psychology in the State of Arizona.
- The Board has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over Licensee pursuant to A.R.S.
   §32-2061, et seq.

#### **RECITALS**

Respondent understands and agrees that:

- 4. The Board and Respondent enter into this Consent Agreement to promptly and judiciously resolve this matter, consistent with the public interest and the statutory requirements of the Board.
- 5. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2061, et seq.
- 6. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Consent Agreement.
- 7. Respondent has a right to a public hearing concerning this case. He further acknowledges that at such formal hearing he could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondent irrevocably waives any right to such a hearing.
- 8. Respondent irrevocably waives any right to rehearing or review or to any judicial review or any other appeal of this matter.

9. Although Respondent does not agree that all of the allegations in the Request for Investigation are supported by the evidence, and takes the position that many are not true, Respondent acknowledges that it is the Board's position that if this matter proceeded to formal hearing the Board could establish sufficient evidence to support a conclusion that certain of Respondent's conduct constituted unprofessional conduct. Therefore, Respondent has agreed to enter into this Consent Agreement as an economical and practical means of resolving the issues associated with the Request for Investigation.

- 10. The Consent Agreement shall be subject to approval by the Board and shall be effective only when signed by the Executive Director and accepted by the Board. In the event that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party, expect that the parties agree that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Licensee shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any other records relating thereto.
- 11. The Consent Agreement, once approved by the Board and signed by the Executive Director, shall constitute a public record which may be disseminated as a formal action of the Board.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 12. On June 17, 2014, the Board received a Request for Investigation that alleged multiple acts of unprofessional conduct, which if found by the Board to be factually supported could justify this Board in taking action against the Respondent, to include such action as suspending or revoking the Respondent's license.
- 13. Respondent, while confident that he could demonstrate that many of the allegations are not supported by the facts, concedes that others of the allegations are supported by the facts and further concedes that the Board may find that still other allegations are supported by the facts.

- 14. The allegations raise issues concerning dual relationships, impairment and exploitation.
- 15. Respondent has offered to surrender his license while the investigation is pending.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

16. The conduct and circumstances described above, if supported by the facts alleged, would constitute unprofessional conduct, potentially to include A.R.S. §32-2061(15)(I), practicing psychology while impaired to the extent and in a manner that jeopardizes the welfare of the client or patient or renders the psychological services ineffective, A.R.S. §32-2061(15)(y), exploiting a client or patient, and A.R.S. §32-2061(15)(dd), violating an ethical standard adopted by the Board, as it pertains to the American Psychological Association Ethical Principals of Psychologists and Code of Conduct effective 2003, Standard 3.05, Multiple Relationships, in this instance engaging in a dual relationship.

#### CONSENT AGREEMENT

#### Respondent understands and agrees that:

- 17. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061 et seq.
- 18. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Consent Agreement. He has read and understands the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order and Consent Agreement and makes this agreement freely and voluntarily. He irrevocably waives his right to a hearing, rehearing, or judicial review or any other appeal of this matter.
- 19. Respondent has a right to a public hearing concerning this matter. He further acknowledges that at such a formal hearing he could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. The Respondent irrevocably waives his right to such a hearing.
- 20. The Consent Agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Board and shall be effective only when accepted by the Board and signed by the Board's Executive Director. In the

event that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party, except that the parties agree that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any records thereto.

21. The Consent Agreement, once approved by the Board and signed by the Respondent, shall constitute a public record which may be disseminated as a formal action of the Board and shall be reported to the National Practitioner's Databank.

#### ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties agree to the provisions and penalties imposed as follows:

- 22. Upon the tenth calendar day after the effective date of this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender, the Respondent's license (#1870) for the practice of psychology in the State of Arizona shall be surrendered. The ten days between the effective date of this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender and Respondent's actual surrender of his license is to allow Respondent to provide for the transfer of clients. Once the surrender is effectuated, Respondent shall not practice psychology in the State of Arizona or hold himself out as a licensed psychologist in the State of Arizona. The effective date of this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender is the date the Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender is accepted by the Board as evidenced by the signature of the Board's Executive Director.
- 23. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender as set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender with an attorney or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement for

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Voluntary Surrender for the purpose of avoiding the expense and uncertainty of an administrative hearing.

- 24. Respondent understands that he has the right to a public administrative hearing concerning each and every allegation set forth in the above-captioned matter, at which administrative hearing he could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender, Respondent freely and voluntarily relinquishes all rights to such administrative hearing, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters set forth herein. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender shall be irrevocable.
- 25. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary action against him or in any future decision regarding re-licensure.
- 26. The parties agree that this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, expressed or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding. Respondent also understands that acceptance of the Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this state from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is subject of this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender.
- 27. Respondent understands that the foregoing Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender shall not become effective unless and until adopted by the Board and executed on behalf of the Board. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually approved by both parties in writing.

1	28. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender is a
2	public record and may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board.
3	DATED THIS The day of October, 2014.
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6	ARIZONA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS
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11	ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
12	4th day of October, 2014, with:
13	The Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners 1400 West Washington, Suite 235
14	Phoenix, Arizona 85007
15	COPY of the foregoing mailed by Certified mail
16	No. 7009 2250 000/ 7372 7725 this 10 day of October 2014 to:
17	Wayne H. Holtzman, Ph.D Address of record
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19	COPY of the foregoing sent by regular mail this day of October, 2014 to:
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